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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005.

The Applicant hereby provisionally elects species A (FIG. 3) for examination, with traverse. It is believed that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-19 read on the species. Therefore, at least claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-19 are included in species A and at least claims 1, 13 and 19 are considered generic. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant notes that any future correspondence should be directed to :

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In accordance with the Power of Attorney filed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

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